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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,788,688, dated August 4, 1998, issued to Bauer et al.;
2. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 7-303654, published November 21, 1995 together with an English language abstract;
3. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 11-318823, published November 24, 1999 together with an English language abstract;

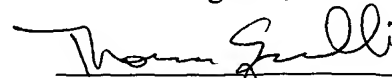
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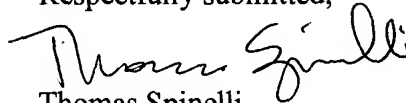

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4. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 6-114065, published April 26, 1994 together with an English language abstract;
5. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2001-000449, published January 9, 2001 together with an English language abstract; and
6. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2002-65618, published March 5, 2002 together with an English language abstract.

Applicants are submitting a copy of references 2-6. Reference 1 is not being submitted herewith, as copies of U.S. patents are no longer required per the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003. The relevance references 2, 3, 5, and 6 have been described in the specification.

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		5,788,688	8/4/1998	Bauer et al.			

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		7-303654	11/21/1995	Japan			✓	
		11-318823	11/24/1999	Japan			✓	
		6-114065	4/26/1994	Japan			✓	
		2001-449	1/9/2001	Japan			✓	
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